

Requirements for your literature list

Make sure that your literature list meets at least the following criteria:

- Choose one reference style. For example: APA, Chicago, Harvard or a numbered style, see [Reference styles](#).
- Order the references according to the chosen reference style: alphabetically or in numerical order.
- Each reference should be correct and complete, with the punctuation according to the rules of the chosen reference style.
- The literature list contains **all** references used in the text.
- The literature list contains **only** references used in the text.
- The list includes references for all illustrations.
- Statements must be substantiated with references. For example: where did you find the factual information you mention?
- Citations are put in quotation marks; paraphrases are written in the student's own words.
- Each citation or paraphrase includes a correct in-text reference according to the rules of the chosen reference style.

Some additional suggestions for a good literature list:

- at least 10 references
- at least 3 different document types
 - at least one book
 - at least two journal articles
 - at most two websites (or no more than 20% of the literature list)
 - additionally: include patents, standards, reference works, newspaper articles, reports, ...
- check the topicality of the information (<10 years old; last update for websites)